

Status of All Claims

1-19. (canceled)

20. (original): A polish (wax) for an article comprising an amount of a coupled alcohol ethoxylate effective to improve adhesion.

21. (original): The polish of claim 20 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate is the reaction product of an ethoxylated alcohol with a diisocyanate.

22. (original): The polish of claim 21 where the diisocyanate is selected from the group consisting of toluene diisocyanate (TDI), methylenediphenyl diisocyanate (MDI), and mixtures thereof.

23. (original): The polish of claim 20 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate is the reaction product of an ethoxylated alcohol with an aromatic diisocyanate in an approximate ratio of from 0.2 to 1.5 equivalents of aromatic diisocyanate per OH equivalent of ethoxylated alcohol.

24-26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented): The polish of claim 20 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate has a decrease in hygroscopic nature and an increase in thermal properties as compared with non-coupled alcohol ethoxylate.

28. (previously presented): A polish (wax) for an article comprising an amount of a coupled alcohol ethoxylate effective to improve adhesion, where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate is the reaction product of an ethoxylated alcohol with a diisocyanate selected from the group consisting of toluene diisocyanate (TDI), methylenediphenyl diisocyanate (MDI), and mixtures thereof.

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29. (previously presented): The polish of claim 28 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate is the reaction product of an ethoxylated alcohol with the diisocyanate in an approximate ratio of from 0.2 to 1.5 equivalents of diisocyanate per OH equivalent of ethoxylated alcohol.

30. (previously presented): The polish of claim 28 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate has a decrease in hygroscopic nature and an increase in thermal properties as compared with non-coupled alcohol ethoxylate.

31. (new): A polish (wax) for an article comprising an amount of a coupled alcohol ethoxylate effective to improve adhesion where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate comprises a saturated hydrocarbon chain of 20 carbon atoms or more, and where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate has a decrease in hygroscopic nature and an increase in thermal properties as compared with non-coupled alcohol ethoxylate.

32. (new): The polish of claim 31 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate is the reaction product of an ethoxylated alcohol with a diisocyanate.

33. (new): The polish of claim 32 where the diisocyanate is selected from the group consisting of toluene diisocyanate (TDI), methylenediphenyl diisocyanate (MDI), and mixtures thereof.

34. (new): The polish of claim 31 where the coupled alcohol ethoxylate is the reaction product of an ethoxylated alcohol with an aromatic diisocyanate in an approximate ratio of from 0.2 to 1.5 equivalents of aromatic diisocyanate per OH equivalent of ethoxylated alcohol.

35. (new): The polish of claim 31 further having increased softening temperature and increased glass transition temperature (T_g).

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